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FATHER'S FACE

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SPEAKING OF, I HAVEN'T EVEN SEEN MY FATHER'S FACE IN WHO KNOWS HOW MANY YEARS.
WHAT DO YOU EVEN MEAN BY THAT?
AND SINCE HE LEAVES SO EARLY IN THE MORNING, I NEVER SEE HIS FACE ALL DAY.
I HAVEN'T SEEN HIS FACE IN WHO KNOWS HOW MANY YEARS.
EVEN ON THE WEEKEND, HE KEEPS WORKING.
THAT'S NOT IT... MY FATHER COMES HOME SO LATE THAT ALWAYS I'M ASLEEP.
YOU MEAN YOUR FATHER'S ALWAYS AWAY ON BUSINESS, KASUMI?

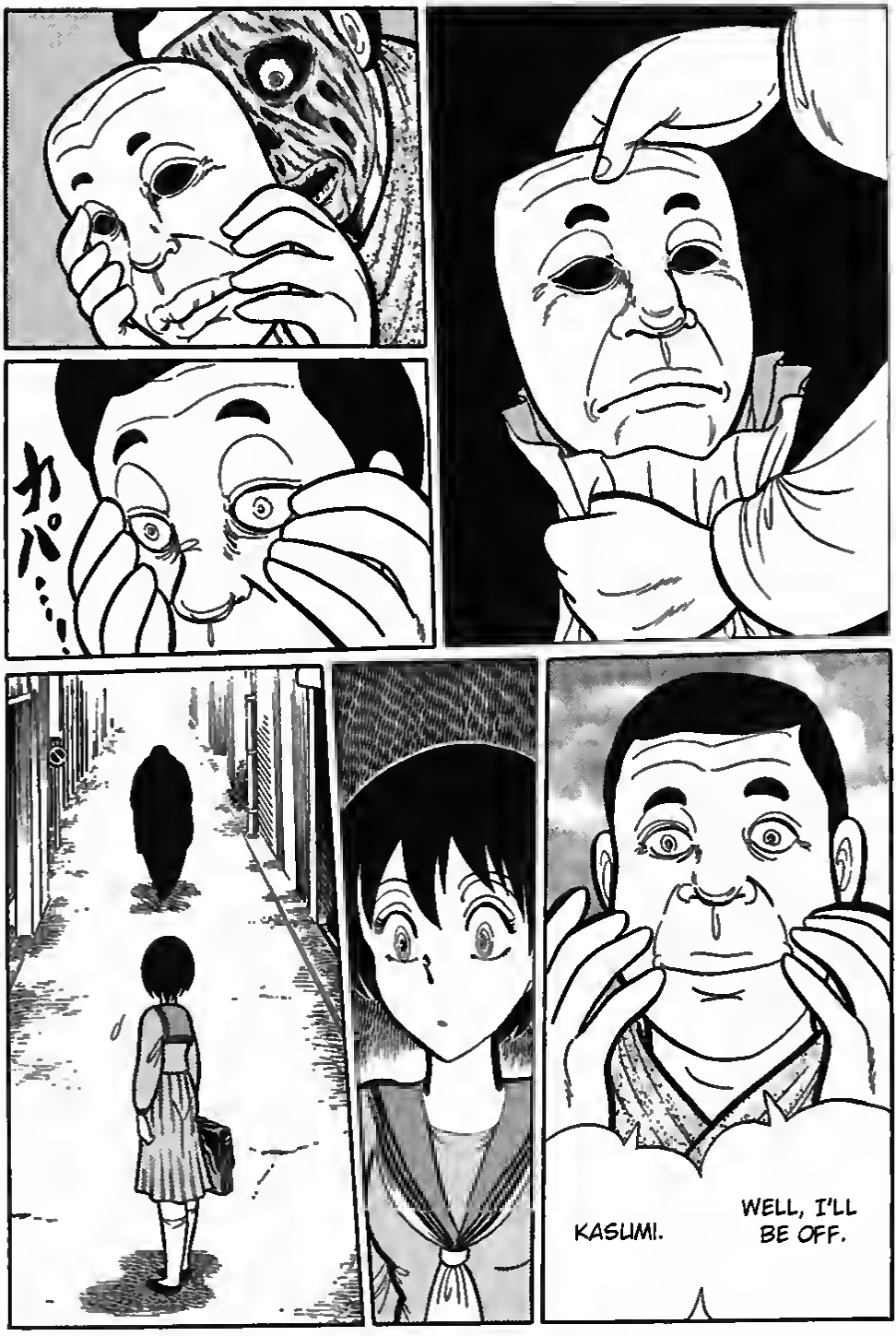
EVEN IF I NEED TO TALK TO MY FATHER, IT NEVER WORKS OUT.
YOUR SITUATION SOUNDS SO MUCH BETTER THAN BEING ANNOYINGLY SCOLDED.
SERIOUSLY, THAT'S IT?
I WOULDN'T MIND IF THAT WAS MY SITUATION.
...I WONDER WHAT KIND OF FACE MY FATHER HAS.
ALLLLLRIGHT. I'M GONNA WAKE UP SUPER EARLY TOMORROW.

AND THEN I'LL DEFINITELY BE ABLE TO SEE DAD'S FACE.
MORNING, WHERE'S DAD?
WHAAAT! HE'S ALREADY GONE!?
TCH!
OH, YOU'RE UP EARLY TODAY. YOUR FATHER JUST LEFT MOMENTS AGO.
...BY THE WAY, WHERE'S FATHER GOING?

I-I'LL GO AND DO IT!
YOUR FATHER DID FORGET TO BRING THIS.
I'M GOING TO GO CHASE AFTER HIM AND GIVE IT TO HIM.
HUH!?
AND I'M OFF~~~~!
I'LL TAKE IT AND GIVE IT TO HIM.
KASUMI!
W-WAIT A MINUTE!

FATHER!
AH, THERE HE IS!
...KASUMI?
FATHER!

YOU CAME TO BRING WHAT I FORGOT? ...THANK YOU.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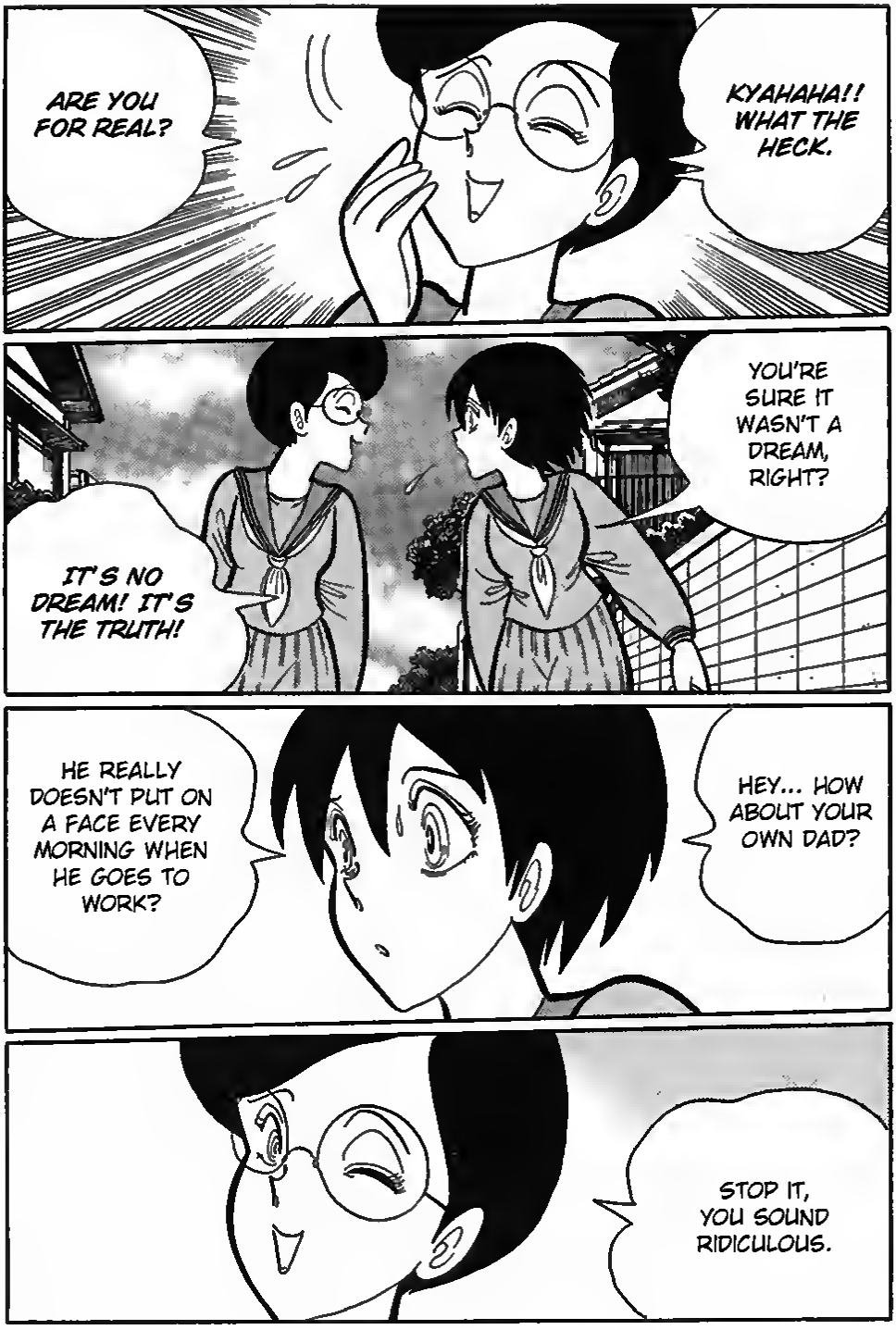
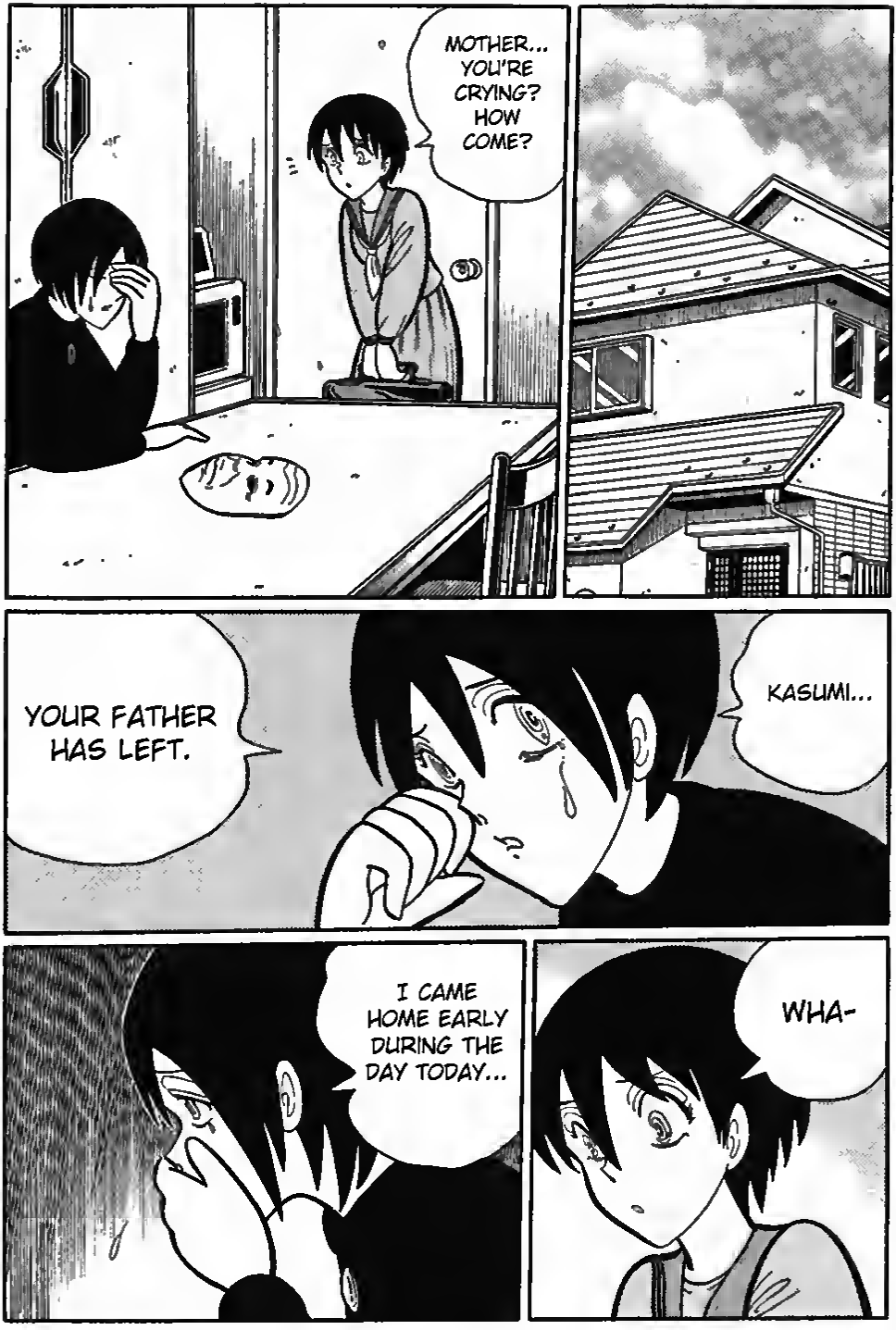
KASUMI.
WELL, I'LL BE OFF.


ARE YOU FOR REAL?
KYAHAHA!! WHAT THE HECK.
YOU'RE SURE IT WASN'T A DREAM, RIGHT?
IT'S NO DREAM! IT'S THE TRUTH!
HE REALLY DOESN'T PUT ON A FACE EVERY MORNING WHEN HE GOES TO WORK?
HEY... HOW ABOUT YOUR OWN DAD?
STOP IT, YOU SOUND RIDICULOUS.


MOTHER... YOU'RE CRYING? HOW COME?
KASUMI...
YOUR FATHER HAS LEFT.
I CAME HOME EARLY DURING THE DAY TODAY...
WHA-

KASUMI... WHAT SHOULD MOM DO?
HE SAID THERE'S ANOTHER WOMAN HE LIKES ON THE SIDE, SO HE WON'T BE COMING HOME ANYMORE.
...FATHER LEFT HIS FACE BEHIND.
HE MUST HAVE PUT ON A DIFFERENT FACE SO HE COULD LIVE WITH ANOTHER WOMAN.

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HEY... WHAT'RE YOU DOING!?
DO YOU NEED SOMETHING FROM ME, LITTLE GIRL?

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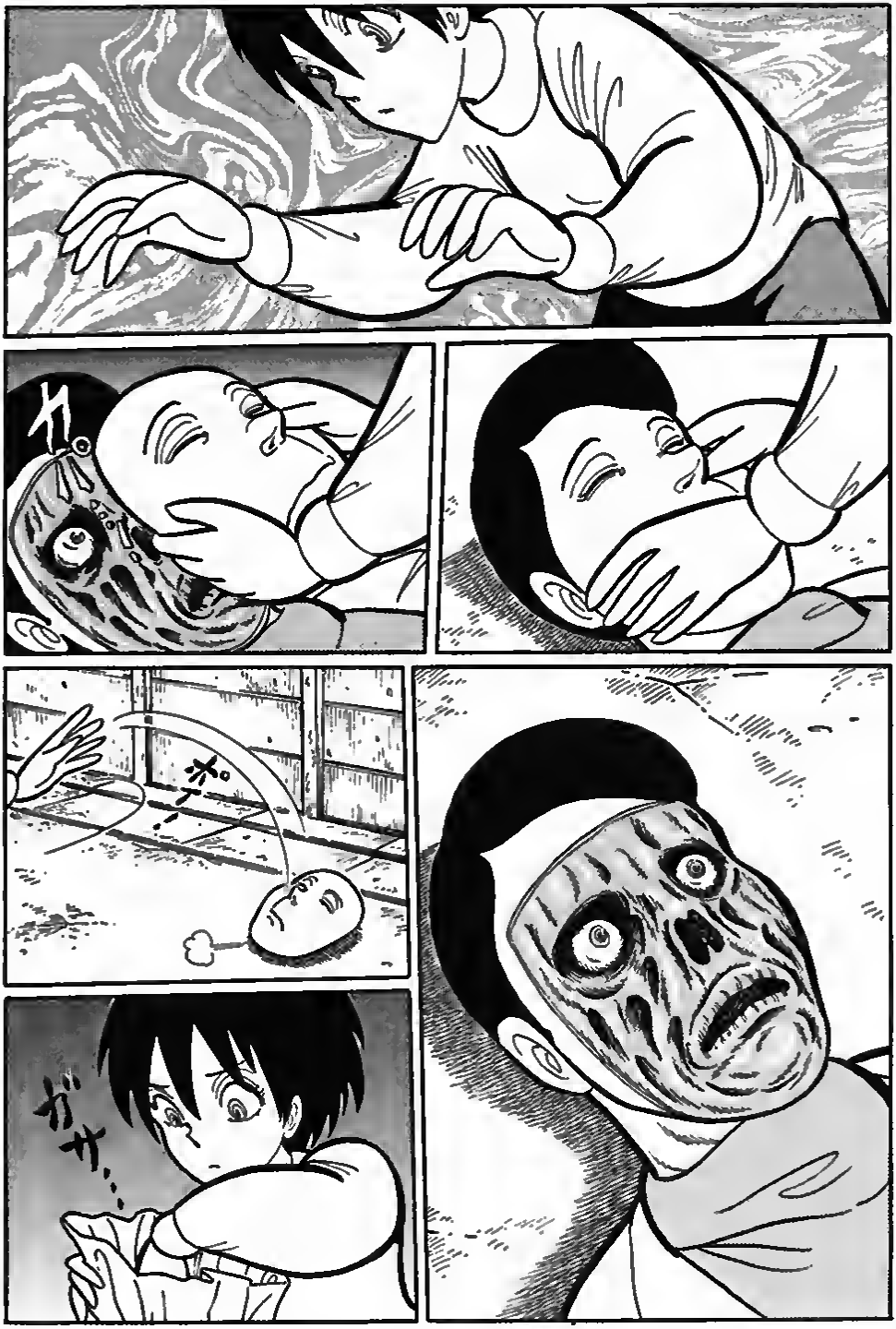
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KASUMI?
...DID YOU COME TO PICK ME UP?
THAT'S RIGHT.
I CAME TO GET YOU, DAD.
HNNNNGH

RIGHT. LET'S GO BACK HOME TOGETHER.
IT DOESN'T MATTER WHO YOU REALLY ARE.
YEAH... LET'S GO BACK.
NOW, LET'S GO BACK HOME TOGETHER.
MOM'S WAITING FOR US.
AND MY MOTHER NEEDS HER HUSBAND.
I NEED MY FATHER.
DADDY.
NOW, LET'S GO HOME.

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